

NOT FOR CITATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

LAFONZO R. TURNER,	)	No. C 12-0381 LHK (PR)
	)	
Petitioner,	)	ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE;
	)	GRANTING MOTION FOR LEAVE
vs.	)	TO PROCEED IN FORMA
	)	PAUPERIS; DENYING MOTION
BRENDA M. CASH,	)	FOR EQUITABLE TOLLING
	)	WITHOUT PREJUDICE
Respondent.	)	
	)	(Docket Nos. 2, 3)

Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding *pro se*, filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Petitioner's motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis is GRANTED. The Court orders Respondent to show cause why a writ of habeas corpus should not be granted.

### DISCUSSION

#### A. Standard of Review

This Court may entertain a petition for writ of habeas corpus "in behalf of a person in custody pursuant to the judgment of a state court only on the ground that he is in custody in violation of the Constitution or laws or treaties of the United States." 28 U.S.C. § 2254(a); *Rose v. Hodges*, 423 U.S. 19, 21 (1975).

A district court shall "award the writ or issue an order directing the respondent to show

1 cause why the writ should not be granted, unless it appears from the application that the  
 2 applicant or person detained is not entitled thereto.” 28 U.S.C. § 2243.

3 **B. Petitioner’s Claims**

4 Petitioner raises the following claims in his petition: (1) the prosecutor committed  
 5 misconduct during her argument, and trial counsel was ineffective for failing to object to it; (2)  
 6 the trial court erred in failing to give an instruction on manslaughter as a lesser-included offense;  
 7 and (3) Petitioner was denied a right to a fair trial when the jury repeatedly saw him in handcuffs  
 8 and shackles. Liberally construed, Petitioner’s allegations are sufficient to warrant a response.

9 **C. Motion for Equitable Tolling**

10 Petitioner requests that the Court find his petition timely based on extraordinary  
 11 circumstances. Petitioner’s motion is DENIED without prejudice. Respondent will be ordered  
 12 to produce the relevant state records, and, may file a motion to dismiss based on timeliness. If  
 13 Respondent does so, Petitioner may file an opposition in which he may certainly argue that he is  
 14 entitled to equitable tolling. At this time, however, the timeliness of Petitioner’s petition is not at  
 15 issue.

16 **CONCLUSION**

17 1. Petitioner’s motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis is GRANTED.  
 18 Petitioner’s motion for equitable tolling is DENIED.

19 2. The Clerk shall serve by mail a copy of this order and the petition (docket no. 1)  
 20 and all attachments thereto upon the Respondent and the Respondent’s attorney, the Attorney  
 21 General of the State of California. The Clerk shall also serve a copy of this order on Petitioner.

22 3. Respondent shall file with the Court and serve on Petitioner, within **ninety days**  
 23 of the date this order is filed, an answer conforming in all respects to Rule 5 of the Rules  
 24 Governing Section 2254 Cases, showing cause why a writ of habeas corpus should not be  
 25 granted. Respondent shall file with the answer and serve on Petitioner a copy of all portions of  
 26 the underlying state criminal record that have been transcribed previously and that are relevant to  
 27 a determination of the issues presented by the petition.

28 If Petitioner wishes to respond to the answer, he shall do so by filing a traverse with the

1 Court and serving it on Respondent within **thirty days** of the date the answer is filed.

2 4. Respondent may file a motion to dismiss on procedural grounds in lieu of an  
3 answer, as set forth in the Advisory Committee Notes to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section  
4 2254 Cases within **ninety days** of the date this order is filed. If Respondent files such a motion,  
5 Petitioner shall file with the court and serve on Respondent an opposition or statement of non-  
6 opposition within **thirty days** of the date the motion is filed, and Respondent **shall** file with the  
7 court and serve on Petitioner a reply within **fifteen days** of the date any opposition is filed.

8 5. It is Petitioner's responsibility to prosecute this case. Petitioner is reminded that  
9 all communications with the Court must be served on Respondent by mailing a true copy of the  
10 document to Respondent's counsel. Petitioner must keep the court and all parties informed of  
11 any change of address by filing a separate paper captioned "Notice of Change of Address." He  
12 must comply with the Court's orders in a timely fashion. Failure to do so may result in the  
13 dismissal of this action for failure to prosecute pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure  
14 41(b).

15 IT IS SO ORDERED.

16 DATED: 4/9/12

  
LUCY H. KOH  
United States District Judge